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SUBJECT: PRISON HUNGER STRIKE IN IRAN

1. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HAS TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAVE INFORMATION, SOURCE NOT REVEALED, THAT FROM 500 TO 700 PRISONERS IN SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF GHSAR PRISON TEHRAN BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE ON MARCH 12, 1978 AND THAT THE PRISON COMMANDER ATTEMPTED ON MARCH 16, TO BREAK THE STRIKE BY FORCE, WOUNDING MANY PRISONERS. THERE ARE ALSO ALLEGATIONS THAT MEMBERS OF PRISONERS' FAMILIES GATHERED OUTSIDE THE PRISON HAVE BEEN BEATEN AND ARRESTED. HUNGER STRIKERS ARE SAID TO BE DEMANDING FAIR, PUBLIC TRIALS. AN IRANIAN ORGANIZATION, THE "COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM" CONFIDENTIAL

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IS SAID TO HAVE TELEGRAPHED PRIME MINISTER DEMANDING MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THE WOUNDED AND CIVILIAN TRIALS FOR THOSE IMPRISONED.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE REPORTS. VANCE

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